

REMARKS

Status of the claims – non-compliant amendment

Claim 10 was amended in the August 31, 2009 Response to rephrase the language, but the changes were inadvertently not identified with the proper underlining. Applicants regret the typographical error. Applicants have amended the markings of Claim 10 to provide the correct underlined amendments to the claim; no other amendments are hereby presented.

Claims 1, 4-10, 15, and 16 are currently pending.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-730-8566.

Applicants assert that no fees are due to enter this amendment, however the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0812.

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Respectfully submitted,



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